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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN LEE COUNTY LIFTS HEALTH ALERT AT DAVIS BOAT RAMP AND ORANGE RIVER-MANATEE PARK

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Lee County, Fla. – The Florida Department of Health in Lee County (DOH) has lifted a Health Alert at the Davis Boat Ramp and Orange River-Manatee Park based on water sampling results from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). DEP conducted sampling in the area on June 10, 2021 and did not find the presence of microcystin toxins.

When toxins are detected, DOH recommends individuals using the boat ramps avoid contact with the water. DEP will continue to monitor the Davis Boat Ramp and Orange River-Manatee Park and post updates on their [website](#).

Blue-green algae can cause gastrointestinal effects if swallowed. Children and pets are especially vulnerable, so keeping them away from the water during a bloom is especially important. Additional information on blue-green algae is available [here](#). If you wish to report a new algae bloom please visit DEP's [Algal Bloom Monitoring & Response](#) webpage.

DEP, the five water management districts, DOH, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services all work together to respond to algal blooms. DEP has been closely monitoring and testing algal blooms and will continue to respond to any new reports.

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